

NATO'S OBLIGATION TO THE
SERBS**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, in the Boston Globe for today, Tuesday, July 27, there is an excellent editorial occasioned by the terrible murder of 14 Serb farmers in Kosovo. As the editorial notes, NATO—with the United States as a lead member—has an absolute obligation to do everything humanly possible to apprehend the murderers of these men, and of course an even greater obligation to do everything humanly possible to prevent any recurrence of this sort of outrage.

I believe that the military action in which America took the lead against Serbia was morally justified by the need to prevent the continued systematic oppression of the Albania population of Kosovo. But exactly the same moral considerations demand that we do a better job than we have of protecting the Serbian people left in Kosovo.

The Boston Globe editorial is a forceful, lucid and morally compelling statement and I ask that it be printed here.

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Precisely because NATO's justification for intervention in Kosovo was humanitarian, the NATO allies must not allow Friday's gruesome slaughter of 14 Serb peasants in Kosovo to go unpunished. A war for humanitarian motives contradicts its own purpose if it leaves one group of noncombatants unprotected.

The Serb demagogue Slobodan Milosevic understood immediately the political implications of the murders. The next day he said the slaughter of Serbs in a province that NATO still recognizes as an integral part of Serbia proves that there is a need for Yugoslav soldiers and Milosevics special police to return to Kosovo.

Such a return of Milosevic's ethnic cleansers would, of course, vitiate NATO's military triumph. Milosevic can have no illusions about the possibility that his killers and rapists will be allowed any time soon to return to Kosovo. But his political point is well taken. If Serb civilians can be massacred at will in Kosovo, then NATO's propaganda is negated and the allies' war against Milosevic can be described as a naked power grab—an effort to steal a Serb province from its rightful owners.

To prove this was not NATO's war aim, the allies keeping the peace in Kosovo and the UN bureaucrats managing the province's rehabilitation must act quickly and decisively.

Although Hashim Thaci, the Kosovo Liberation Army's self-appointed prime minister, has said members of his provisional government "strongly condemn this act," the KLA must be encouraged to take a public role in locating the killers of the 14 Serbs. At the same time, the NATO countries must send to Kosovo the full complement of peacekeepers they promised. At present, only 60 percent of the 32,000 have arrived.

The revenge killings also illustrate the need for rapid dispatch of 3,000 more international police. Only 170, a small fraction of those committed, are yet serving in Kosovo. If the NATO allies allow Serbs to be murdered and expelled from Kosovo, they will lose in peacetime the war they thought they won from the air.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WILSON
STERRETT**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that William Wilson Sterrett, of Independence, Missouri, passed away on June 20, 1999.

Born June 15, 1909, in Slater, Missouri, Mr. Sterrett was the son of the late Joseph B. and Elizabeth Galdwell Sterrett. He married Rachel W. Finch on December 19, 1936, in Washington, DC.

Mr. Sterrett was a 1926 graduate of Slater Higher School and a 1930 graduate of Missouri Valley College in Marshall. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia for two years and graduated from George Washington, University Law School in 1935. He served as Deputy Circuit Clerk of Saline County from 1932–1934. He passed the Bar in December 1934 and practiced law in Saline County for 53 years at Sterrett Law Office. He was secretary to Congressman William Nelson in Washington, DC, from 1934–40. He was with the General Accounting Office in Washington, DC, for two years, the War Production board for a year, and the Air Transport Command for two years. He returned to Slater in 1946 where he served as city attorney from 1946–1981.

Mr. Sterrett was active in the community. He served as chairman of the Saline County Red Cross and on the Slater Public School board from 1948–52. He was a member, deacon, trustee, elder and Sunday school teacher at the Slater Presbyterian Church. He was president of the Saline County Bar Association from 1983–91 and vice president from 1991–93. He was a longtime member of the Slater Rotary club where he was a past president and the club's first Paul Harris Fellow in 1995. He was a United States Army/Air Corps veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion Post #78 in Slater. He was a Boy Scout Counselor since 1950 and received the Missouri Valley College Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1996. He served on the board of directors at the State Bank of Slater for 53 years.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife, Rachel; his two sons, Joseph and James; and his three grandchildren.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2561) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

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Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Chairman, in my previous statement in support of H.R. 2561, I addressed the much needed funds for KC-135 tanker aircraft that this bill provides. It is my hope that the Air Force will look at locating these reengined National Guard aircraft consistent with ongoing total force initiatives to maximize Guard and Active efficiencies through enhanced integration and commonality of equipment.

I am also supportive of the quality of life initiatives contained in this legislation. We have provided for significant increases in spare parts, \$453 million over the request, equipment repair, \$279 million over the request, and real property maintenance, \$854 million over the request. We also provide an additional \$88 million for soldier support equipment, such as cold weather clothing and initial issue equipment. Spare parts, well-maintained facilities and quality equipment is as important to a soldier's morale as a pay raise, and this bill meets both requirements.

As Chairman of the Diabetes Caucus, I am pleased that the bill also supports a continuing project with the Joslin Diabetes Center, which serves to enhance the lives of military personnel and their dependents. The partnership with Joslin will reduce human suffering and health care costs associated with diabetes for DOD personnel and VA beneficiaries, using strengths in the areas of research, detection, prevention and managed care protocols.

This legislation will meet critical modernization and quality of life needs and deserves the support of all members.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BETTY
LOU STEVENSON**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of Betty Lou Stevenson by submitting the following article from the Fullerton Observer, honoring her "life of inspiration", for the RECORD.

[From the Fullerton Observer, Issue Number 322, July 1999]

BETTY LOU STEVENSON—A LIFE OF
INSPIRATION

"Service Above Self" best summarizes the extraordinary life of Betty Lou Stevenson. Over 300 community members attended her memorial at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Fullerton on June 7, 1999 to honor her enormous contributions and positive, energetic spirit. She was very proud of her Scottish heritage and a bagpiper performed at her memorial service. Those in attendance also learned some of the following about this remarkable lady.

Betty Lou was born in Portland, Oregon. Her father being a construction engineer, the family moved on average of once a year, meaning Betty Lou was perpetually the "new student" in school. She learned to "go with the flow" and be comfortable in almost any social situation Betty Lou attended the University of Oregon from 1937–40, where as President of her Chi Omega sorority and of the Heads of Houses she was listed in Who's Who in America Universities and Colleges

(1939-40). Upon graduating from college, Betty Lou and her family moved to Fullerton. The town has never been the same.

Many of Betty Lou's accomplishments occurred while acting in the capacity of single parent to her two sons after her 19-year marriage ended in divorce. While holding down her full-time teaching positions, donating hours of volunteer time and being a single mother she somehow managed to attend night school classes at Whittier College ultimately earning her Master's degree.

Betty Lou Stevenson loved teaching. During her 35 years as a 7th grade math teacher a minimum of 5,000 students passed through her classes and achieved success. Irving Wright, Betty Lou's principal at Wilshire Jr. High, spoke for most of those who knew her when he stated that he admired her tremendously and considered her a wonderful lady. In addition to teaching math at both Wilshire and Nicholas Junior Highs, Betty Lou worked on the yearly Christmas program. Her tireless devotion to her students, school and fellow staff, earned her recognition from the school board for "Distinguished Service to the Fullerton School District."

In 1972 Betty Lou became President of the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association (FETA). The only walkout in the history of the Fullerton School District occurred the following year. A key factor in the resolution of the negotiations impasse was her participation and leadership.

Volunteering was an essential part of Betty Lou's life. She was a charter member and supporter of the Heritage House at the Fullerton Arboretum spending many a Sunday as a docent, sharing her love of Victorian history with visitors. During the week she often led tours through the House for school groups. Betty Lou loved working at the Heritage House because it reminded her of her happy childhood in Portland and the house that she was born in, which still stands today in a historical neighborhood. Betty Lou also served as a docent for the Art Alliance at Cal State Fullerton, leading groups of high school students through the art galleries.

Upon her retirement Betty Lou devoted even more time to her volunteer efforts. She kept a daily calendar by her telephone to keep track of all her activities. As her calendar shows, being involved in up to four separate activities in one day was not unusual. At the time of her death, she was an active member in 9 major organizations, including the California Retired Teachers Association; PEO; Continuing Learning Experience at Cal State; Delta Kappa Gamma; charter member of AAUW. In all these groups Betty Lou served as President and helped out in any way she was needed, from serving as an officer to serving on the clean-up committee. In short, Betty Lou was a truly dedicated volunteer.

Betty Lou had many varied interests from her decorated egg collection featured in an exhibit at the library, to bridge, to reading and traveling to learn about different cultures. Betty Lou was stylish and hats were one of her trademarks. At St. Andrew's church where she was a member for over 50 years, she was affectionately referred to as the "hat lady." She organized and worked in the parish Clothes Closet from its inception in 1986 distributing clothes to the homeless.

Some of the essence of Betty Lou can be understood from her own words in 1998. Thararat Charconsontichai, a graduate student at Cal State who extensively interviewed Betty Lou for "The Life Story of

Elizabeth Louise Stevenson," said, "Optimism, or the belief that whatever happens will be good, is the essential theme she employed in explaining herself and her life to me." Betty Lou put it this way: "I am an optimist even when I face troubles. I was disappointed that my marriage did not work. That was difficult for me. But I never looked at the bad side. I am basically not a down person. Of course I have disappointments; we all have those. But I always look for something that helps. Nowadays it is not easy to live without an education, especially for women. Women should develop skills to help themselves if such a thing as divorce happens." Betty Lou's career as a teacher and lifelong volunteer for groups with educational missions, underscored her commitment to seeing ideal realized.

At the memorial service, the eulogy was delivered by Father Mark Shier, Rector of St. Andrews. Most fittingly, at the conclusion the audience rose and gave a standing ovation for the life of Betty Lou Stevenson—a life from which we can all gain inspiration.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations in Betty Lou's name be made to Fullerton Arboretum or CLE.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS.
ERIS L. RUDMAN

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Eris L. Rudman and the preserved prairie named in her memory located in Frankfort, Illinois.

Forty-five years ago, Mrs. Rudman made Frankfort, Illinois her home. She had just served our country in the Korean War as 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nursing Corps and received combat decoration while serving in an evacuation hospital. Upon arriving in Frankfort, Mrs. Rudman actively developed and maintained the village's first park long before it was acquired officially by the park district. She also indulged in gardening and the people of Frankfort can still appreciate her toils by strolling down Nebraska and Locust streets and gazing at the crab apple trees she and volunteers had planted years ago.

Her community spirit did not end with the environment. Mrs. Rudman served on the Frankfort Planning Commission for sixteen years. She also played an integral role in the publishing and editing of the Frankfort News, a weekly community newspaper, for twenty-three years. In 1984, Mrs. Rudman was named Frankfort's first Citizen of the Year. She was also Grand Marshall of the Frankfort Fall Festival Parade in 1994. Sadly, Frankfort lost this civic minded patriot three years ago in 1996.

The Eris L. Rudman Prairie in nearly four acres of land located south of the Frankfort Public Library parking lot. It was recently planted with a variety of spring and fall blooming flowers. There are 3,100 plants in all which have been complimented with six different kinds of grasses.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is fitting and appropriate to honor the life of Mrs. Eris L. Rudman, the years of her community building activity, and the prairie which bares her name.

HONORING STUART A.
VANMEVEREN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only to extend congratulations to a national figure, but also to tell you how proud I am this honoree hails from, and lives in, my home town of Fort Collins, Colorado. Mr. Stuart A. VanMeveren, the District Attorney who has served Larimer County for twenty-seven years, has been elected the new president of the National District Attorneys' Association (NDAA).

This organization is the largest national professional organization specifically serving the needs of prosecutors in the United States. NDAA is truly a national organization which represents the interests of prosecutors not only from major metropolitan areas, but rural communities like those found in Larimer County.

I have known Stu for fifteen years, but now I'm looking forward to working more closely with him as he directs the NDAA testifying before congressional committees, working with the U.S. Department of Justice, and other federal agencies on matters of public policy affecting the safety of America's communities.

The National District Attorneys Association is going into its fiftieth year of service. I cannot think of a more qualified individual to lead NDAA into the twenty-first century. Stu VanMeveren truly embodies the mission statement of NDAA which is "To be the voice of America's prosecutors and to support their efforts to protect the rights and safety of the people."

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN ALEXANDER
J. SABOL ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE UNITED STATES
NAVAL RESERVE

HON. ALAN B. MOLLOHAN

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Alexander J. Sabol for his distinguished career and retirement from the United States Naval Reserve.

Captain Alexander J. Sabol was born in Stuebenville, OH, on December 14, 1952. He was raised in the steel town of Weirton, WV, and graduated from Weir Senior High School in 1970. In December 1974, he graduated from West Liberty State College, WV, with a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a specialty in marketing.

Captain Sabol entered the Navy through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program at Pensacola, FL, in August 1974 and was commissioned an ensign on April 1975. He was assigned to training squadrons VT-1, VT-2, HT-8, and HT-18 at NAS Whiting Field, FL, from March 1975 to July 1976 and earned his wings and was designated a naval aviator in July 1976.